

REMARKS

Disposition of Claims:

Claims 1, 4 and 10 are all the claims pending in the application and have been rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103:

Claims 1, 4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Gianos, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,014,653).

Arguments:

Applicants have cancelled all the claims in favor of new claims 11-17. Claim 11 is a method claim corresponding to original claims 1 + 2. Claim 12 is a method claim corresponding to original claim 3; claim 13 is a method claim corresponding to original claim 4; claim 14 is a method claim corresponding to original claim 5; claim 15 is a method claim corresponding to original claim 6; claim 16 is a new method claim; and claim 17 is a method claim corresponding to original claim 9. It is submitted that the claims patentably distinguish over the prior art.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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